

Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the requirements for restriction and election of species under 35 U.S.C. §§121 and 372, set forth in the Official Action dated April 4, 2002 in the above-identified application, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the "Group I" invention, namely, claims 1-6, which are directed to polyketides, and the species 15 nor-erythromycin A. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are believed to be readable on the elected species.

Applicant reserves the right to file continuing applications, as provided under 35 U.S.C. §120, on the subject matter of any claims ultimately held to be withdrawn from consideration in this application.

Early and favorable action on this application is respectfully requested.

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